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LIVESTOCK AND SEED PROGRAM**

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**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

**TO:**

**TECHNICAL DATA SUPPLEMENT (TDS)  
FOR FROZEN LEAN GROUND BUFFALO,  
TDS-BUF-MAY 2003**

This amendment is issued to modify the **APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS, ORDERING DATA, FAT LIMITATIONS**, and **Marking** of Containers sections. This amendment supersedes Amendments 1 and 2 dated 9/9/03 and 6/16/04 respectively.

Page 1, Delete section I. SCOPE, in its entirety, and substitute with the following new section:

**I. SCOPE**

This technical data supplement (TDS) is for use by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Livestock and Seed Program (LS) for the procurement of frozen lean ground buffalo (bison). For this program, AMS will utilize the Institutional Meat Purchase Specifications (IMPS) descriptions and requirements for ground beef for ground bison meat."

Page 1, **II. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**, revise as follows:

**Delete** the following:

"Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch Instruction Manual, Series 600 and 700"

**Insert** the following new bullet

"• Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch Instructions"

Page 1, **III. ORDERING DATA: TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE PURCHASER**, section A. ITEMS, within the first paragraph, delete the last sentence, that begins with "Bison must originate .....", in its entirety.

Page 1, **III. ORDERING DATA: TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE PURCHASER**, section A. ITEMS, 2. Material, paragraph a) Domestic Origin, delete sentence and **replace** with the following new sentence:

"Bison must be produced by U.S. Native Americans and/or Native American owned cooperatives."

Page 1, **III. ORDERING DATA: TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE PURCHASER**, section **A. ITEMS**, 2. Material, paragraph c) Slaughter Requirements, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

- c) Harvest Requirements – Contractor must have documentation and a program in place that verifies the source of raw materials used in each lot of production. All bison will be harvested in facilities that comply with the following additional requirements:
  - (1) Humane Handling – All bison shall be humanely handled in accordance with all applicable FSIS regulations, directives, and notices.
  - (2) Non-Ambulatory Disabled Bison – Meat from carcasses of non-ambulatory disabled bison will not be included in USDA purchased lean ground buffalo.
  - (3) Pathogen Intervention – Include at least two pathogen intervention or anti-microbial steps. One of the intervention steps shall be steam pasteurization, an organic rinse, or a 180°F hot water wash and must be a critical control point (CCP) in their FSIS recognized slaughter process Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan.
  - (4) Carcasses Testing – Routinely test carcasses for *E.coli* O157:H7 to verify effectiveness of interventions at CCP.
  - (5) Spinal Cord Removal – All spinal cord tissue shall be removed during the harvesting process.

Page 2, Delete **D. FAT LIMITATIONS** section in its entirety, and substitute with the following new section:

**“D. FAT LIMITATIONS**

The fat content shall not exceed 10 percent and will be declared in the nutrition facts panel on the package label. “

Page 6, EXHIBIT A, SHIPPING CONTAINER MARKINGS:, fourth sentence beginning with “The USDA symbol shall .....”. Delete “3 1/2 INCHES”, and substitute with “2.0 INCHES”.

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This amendment is effective immediately and will be applicable to all contracts issued after March 2006.

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